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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

1. DEPT CALLED IN GOI EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY DESAI AND COMMERCIAL ATTACHE LAL TO DISCUSS RECENT INQUIRIES FROM GOI EMBASSY AND U.S. IMPORTERS CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY OF HANDLOOM TERRY TOWELS FOR EXEMPTION FROM LEVELS OF U.S.-INDIAN BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT. U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE HAD INDICATED TO IMPORTERS THAT SUCH ITEMS COULD NOT BE ENTERED AS EXEMPT.

2. DEPT OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT A TECHNICAL PROBLEM EXISTS IN THAT THERE IS NO TSUSA NUMBER FOR EXEMPT
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TERRY TOWELS. OTHER TEXTILE ITEMS WHICH ARE EXEMPT

FROM BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ARE ENTERED INTO SPECIAL

TSUSA NUMBERS, IN WHICH ENTRIES ARE NOT CHARGED TO AGREEMENT LEVELS. SINCE PREVIOUSLY THERE HAS BEEN NO TRADE OR CONTEMPLATED TRADE IN HANDLOOM TERRY TOWELS, NO TSUSA NUMBER FOR SUCH A PRODUCT EXISTS.

3. IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM, WE TOLD DESAI THAT IMPORTERS WITH SHIPMENTS OF HANDLOOM TERRY TOWELS AND BAR-MOPS CERTIFIED AS EXEMPT BY GOI SHOULD SUBMIT SAMPLE OF TOWEL AND DETAILS ON SHIPMENT TO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OFFICE OF TEXTILES. COMMERCE CAN THEN ISSUE VISA WAIVER TO CUSTOMS TO ALLOW SHIPMENT TO ENTER IN REGULAR CATEGORY 31 TSUSA, AND CAN DEDUCT CHARGES FROM LEVELS IN RECORDS.

4. DEPT OFFICER WENT ON TO STATE THAT USG HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT GOI CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION ON MADE-UP ITEMS AS EVIDENCE THAT THEY MEET AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EXEMPTION ON UNDERSTANDING THAT TRADE IN HANDLOOM MADE-UPS WOULD BE BASED ON HISTORICAL LEVELS, AND THAT EXEMPTION PROCEDURE WOULD NOT BE USED TO EXPAND TRADE IN MADE-UPS BEYOND THAT WHICH WOULD BE INDICATED BY HISTORICAL LEVELS. OFFICER NOTED THAT DURING DECEMBER, 1974, CONSULTATIONS, GOI HAD ESTIMATED TRADE IN HANDLOOM FABRIC, MACHINE STITCHED MADE-UPS AT 6.5 MILLION SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT ANNUALLY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HANDLOOM TOWELS WERE A NEW DEPARTURE IN THIS MADE-UP TRADE, AND THAT A RAPID INCREASE IN HANDLOOM TOWEL EXPORTS WOULD BE VIEWED BY THE U.S. AS A DEPARTURE FROM OUR UNDERSTANDING AND COULD CAUSE US TO RE-EVALUATE OUR POSITION ON TRADE IN HANDLOOM MADE-UPS.

5. DESAI SAID HE WOULD REPORT OUR CONCERNS TO DELHI; HE SAID THAT GOI DID NOT YET HAVE AN IDEA OF SIZE OF TRADE IN HANDLOOM TERRY TOWELS WHICH MIGHT BE ANTICIPATED. ROBINSON

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